

## Topic: Catholics Should Not Support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development

### Statement

Catholics should not support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development because it supports many groups and initiatives that are antithetical to Catholic Church teaching. For more than 40 years, CCHD has used funds faithful Catholics have donated for the care of the poor to support groups that promote and defend abortion, homosexuality, contraception and many other agendas that contradict the teaching of the Church. Given this history, Catholics should have no confidence that this will change and, therefore, should not support this cause.

### Justification

In the 1980s, reports began circulating that CCHD had ties to Marxist/Alinsky groups that were working to undermine the Church and society. In 2004, the National [Catholic Register](#) reported, “Fr. Vitillo [the executive director of CCHD] said it's true that many of some 300 organizations the campaign funds each year have ties to the Industrial Areas Foundation [an organization founded by Saul Alinsky], but he doesn't see it as a problem.”

In 2009, [Human Events](#) stated emphatically:

It is an error to think of CCHD as an ordinary charity. In fact, it is an extreme left-wing political organization whose ties stretch back to the “father” of community organizing himself, [Saul Alinsky](#), and to Barack Obama, in his community-organizing days in Chicago. And unbeknownst to most Catholics, almost no CCHD grants actually provide direct relief to the poor.

[Life News](#) reported in 2009 that, after ACORN had been defunded by CCHD in 2008, “A growing number of other CCHD grantees have been found to [advocate either abortion](#) or same-sex marriage — or both.”

Leaders of CCHD claimed they had reformed their organization, but, in 2015, the [Bellarmino Forum](#) stated:

When asked to explain, in a nutshell, why a Catholic might continue to oppose the annual Catholic Campaign for Human Development ... collection, despite recent protestations that the CCHD has put its house in order, there are four solid responses:

1. CCHD continues to make grants to organizations that directly support positions contrary to Catholic teaching
2. Most of CCHD's grants still go to organizations that advocate for a larger, progressive package (which consistently pushes for positions that are contrary to Catholic teaching)
3. Many CCHD-funded organizations are working to change Church teaching
4. CCHD has no *intention* of reforming

The [Lepanto Institute](#) has been reporting on CCHD since 2014. After the 2020 campaign funds were distributed, Lepanto published reports that CCHD “is funding organizations actively involved in calls for revolution, the killing of police officers and the defunding of police departments.”

[Lepanto](#) also revealed:

SUN [Stand Up Nashville] and two other CCHD-funded organizations have signed on to or directly participated with a coalition directly pushing abortion and transgenderism. Furthermore, the leadership of one of these grantees is heavily involved in the promotion of homosexual activism and is made up of member organizations doing the same.

The CCHD has also [been exposed](#) for funding the Ignatian Solidarity Network, which, according to Lepanto, “is an active promoter of homosexual perversions, including transgenderism. On its website are numerous articles and events promoting homosexuality, and its annual Ignatian Family Teach-In conference regularly includes talks and break-out sessions on LGBT activism and transgender inclusion.”

There is much more that could be said, but Michael Hichborn summarizes it all perfectly: “We have written dozens of reports since then, with documented evidence of grantees engaged in evil activities, and those reports have not once been refuted with any explanations.” (To see all the reports visit [https://lepantoin.org/tag/cchd/.](https://lepantoin.org/tag/cchd/))

### **Conclusion**

CCHD has a long history of support for groups that promote agendas antithetical to the Catholic Church and Her moral teachings. The annual revelations of these abuses have not resulted in either repentance or reform because, as we saw above, “CCHD has no *intention* of reforming.” Given the sordid history of CCHD and the misuse of the money faithful Catholics have given for the care of the poor, no reason can be given that would justify support for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Therefore, Catholics should not support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development financially or in any other manner.

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